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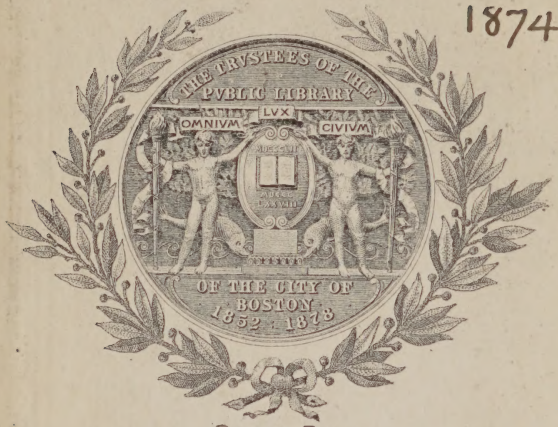

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

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Central Club of Boston.

ORGANIZED DECEMBER 20, 1873.

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CHARTER

OF THE

CENTRAL CLUB OF BOSTON.

Approved March 8, 1873.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT

To Incorporate the Central Club of Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. — ALEXANDER H. RICE, CHARLES G. GREENE, SAMUEL D. CRANE, their associates and successors, are made a Corporation by the name of the Central Club of Boston, for the purpose of maintaining a Reading Room, and for other lawful purposes; with the powers and privileges, and subject to the duties, liabilities and restrictions set forth in the General Laws which now are, or hereafter may be, in force, and applicable to such corporations.

SECTION 2. — Said Corporation may, for the purpose aforesaid, hold real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

SECTION 3. — This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 7, 1873.

Passed to be enacted.

JOHN G. SANFORD, *Speaker.*

IN SENATE, March 8, 1873.

Passed to be enacted.

GEO. B. LORING, *President.*

MARCH 8, 1873.

Approved.

W. B. WASHBURN.

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, March 13, 1873.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original Act.

OLIVER WARNER,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

OFFICERS

OF THE

Central Club of Boston,

1874.

President.

SAMUEL D. CRANE.

Vice-Presidents.

AMBROSE A. RANNEY.
HENRY L. HALLETT.
CALVIN A. RICHARDS.
WILLIAM D. FORBES.

Directors.

GEO. O. CARPENTER.
GEORGE L. THAYER.
CHARLES V. POOR.
AUGUSTUS P. MARTIN.
HENRY E. RAYMOND.
OLIVER STEVENS.
HORACE M. BEARCE.
STEPHEN B. SIMONS.
LYMAN L. HARDING.
ALBERT W. HOBART.

Secretary and Treasurer.

JOHN D. MORTON.

THE

CENTRAL CLUB OF BOSTON,

ORGANIZED UNDER ITS CHARTER

December 20, 1873,

AND THE FOLLOWING

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS ADOPTED.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The primary object of the Club shall be the maintenance of a Reading Room, the encouragement of kindly feeling and good fellowship among its members, and other lawful purposes; and it may own and hold in its name such property as is allowed and provided for in its charter and the laws.

ARTICLE 2. The Club shall never be called upon, nor permitted to act, in its official or corporate capacity as a Club, upon any political question or subject.

ARTICLE 3. To defray necessary expenditures for house-rent, furniture, and books, and for subscriptions to newspapers, periodicals, and other publications, and for such other purposes as may be thought advisable for the use of the Club; each new member shall pay an entrance fee of fifty dollars, and each member an annual assessment of the same amount, except as is otherwise provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE 4. All persons who, at the time of the acceptance of the charter, were members of the Association heretofore known as the Central Club of Boston, shall become, and are hereby constituted members of this Corporation, without payment of any entrance fee, and entitled to a share in all its privileges and property equally, but in common with each other, and such other persons as may hereafter be admitted as members under its By-Laws, and so long as they may remain members. They are required to signify their assent thereto, by signing a book prepared by the Secretary for that purpose.

ARTICLE 5. Any person who has formerly been a member of the Association and paid the entrance fee, and who shall have voluntarily withdrawn, or resigned, may become a member of this Club, with all the rights and privileges of other members, without the payment of any new entrance fee,—

provided the Executive Committee shall, by a majority vote, so determine and allow, and he be re-elected by the Election Committee, and upon signing the book referred to in Article four.

ARTICLE 6. The Corporation shall have a corporate seal, to be prepared and adopted by the Executive Committee provided for in the By-Laws.

BY-LAWS.

I.

OFFICERS.

The officers of the Club shall be a President, four Vice-Presidents, ten Directors, and a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Club: who shall be elected first upon the organization of the Club, and afterwards annually, at the annual meeting in December in each year, and shall serve until successors shall have been chosen. The President, or in his absence, the senior Vice-President in the order of election, shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Executive Committee; and, if the President and all the Vice-Presidents shall be absent, a chairman shall be chosen by vote.

II.

VACANCIES.

If the office of President or of a Vice-President shall become vacant, the Executive Committee may call a special meeting of the Club to fill such

vacancy. If any other vacancy shall occur, the Committee may fill the same by election from the members of the Club, at a meeting called for that purpose, upon due notice.

III.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee for the time being shall take charge of all the property, effects, and assets of the Club, and shall have the management and control of the same, and exercise a general superintendence of its interests and affairs; shall enforce the preservation of order, and obedience to the Constitution and By-Laws; shall make or authorize all necessary contracts and purchases in the name of the Corporation, but shall have no power, except in taking and executing a lease of Club House, to make the Club liable for any debt beyond the amount of money which shall, at the time of contracting such debt, be in the Treasurer's hands, and not needed for the discharge of prior debts or liabilities; shall have power from time to time to employ such servants and assistants, and make such regulations and rules for the domestic and internal economy, comfort, and success of the establishment, as they shall think proper, and, generally, to do all things which may be necessary for the proper management of its concerns.

IV.

MEETINGS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES.

The Executive Committee, of which five shall be a quorum, shall hold stated meetings on the first Saturday of every month — July, August, and September excepted — for the transaction of business; and special meetings may be called by the Secretary, on request of the President or any Vice-President, or of any two Directors, upon notice printed or written, to be given by him to each member at least twenty-four hours before the time appointed therefor.

V.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

The Secretary and Treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Committee, and of all the meetings of the Club, and of all other matters concerning it, of which a record shall be deemed advisable by him or by the Committee; and which records shall, at reasonable times, be open to the inspection of any member of the Club; shall sign and execute, in behalf of the Club, and as its Treasurer, leases of a Club House, and such other deeds and contracts as the Executive Committee may authorize or direct, and the same shall be made

running to him as Treasurer; and shall keep the accounts of the Club in books belonging to it, and shall exhibit his account at the annual meeting, and shall present a copy thereof to such auditors as shall be appointed by the Club to examine it. His books shall be, at all times, open to the inspection of any member of the Executive Committee; and he may be removed by the Club, or the Committee, at any time for refusal to exhibit them, or for any misconduct in the affairs of his office. The Committee may authorize him to employ such assistance as they shall think proper, at the expense of the Club, in the keeping of his books, and preparing of his accounts and reports. He shall be exempted from the payment of the annual assessment, and shall enjoy such further privileges as the Executive Committee shall, from time to time, see fit to prescribe.

VI.

MEETINGS OF THE CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Club shall be holden on the third Saturday of December, at eight o'clock, P. M., for the choice of officers, and all other business that may be brought before it; and quarterly meetings shall be holden on the third Saturday of March, June, and September, at such hour as the Committee may direct, for the transaction of such

business as may be properly before it. Notices of all these meetings shall be posted on the notice-board, by the Secretary, for at least ten days before the times assigned for them respectively; and written or printed notice of the annual meeting, addressed to each member, shall be deposited in the post-office at least ten days before the time thereof.

VII.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

A special meeting shall be called whenever the Committee shall consider one expedient, or whenever the President or any Vice-President shall be requested to call one by the written request of ten members exclusive of the Committee, setting forth the purpose thereof; and notice of any such meeting shall be posted on the notice-board for at least five days before the time assigned therefor, setting forth the matter intended to be acted upon; and no business other than that so specified in such notice shall be acted upon at such special meeting.

VIII.

AMENDMENTS OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

No alteration shall be made in the Constitution or By-Laws, excepting at the annual meeting, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, and

notified in the manner above directed, or at the next stated quarterly meeting, and after due notice of such intended alteration given as above directed, nor unless by a vote of at least two-third parts of those present.

IX.

ANNUAL MEETING.

At the annual meeting, the Executive Committee shall make a full report of their proceedings during the past year, and recommend such measures as they shall deem advisable. And the Treasurer shall present his report of the finances, which shall be submitted to three Auditors, to be appointed by the Club, for examination and settlement; who shall make their report thereon to the Executive Committee at their next stated monthly meeting, or as soon thereafter as conveniently may be; and, if the same shall be approved by the Committee, such accounts shall be deemed thenceforth conclusively settled. If it be not approved, the same shall be submitted to the Club at any subsequent stated meeting or special meeting called to act thereon.

X.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

All elections of officers shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered by two-thirds of the members present; and a plurality of votes shall constitute an election.

XI.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

A Committee on Elections, to consist of Twenty members, shall be chosen at the annual meeting, who shall elect their own Chairman and Secretary, and have full powers to make its own rules as to its mode of procedure in the premises, and also to fill vacancies in its number.

Whenever any person shall be proposed for membership, written application must be made by a member of the Club to the Committee on Elections, subscribed by him, setting forth the name and place of residence of the person proposed, and date of such proposal. If he is duly elected by the Committee, his election shall be at once reported to the Secretary of the Club, who shall immediately send him a written or printed notice of his election, and request a written acceptance.

Any person duly elected, shall, upon signing a book prepared for that purpose by the Secretary, and paying his entrance fee and a portion of the annual assessment corresponding with the unexpired portion of the current year, become thenceforth entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership.

This Committee shall, at each stated meeting of the Club, report the names, for the purpose of

record, of all persons elected by them to date of such meeting, not before reported, and no greater number of members shall ever be elected than will make the whole number at any time three hundred and fifty.

XII.

QUORUM.

At any meeting of the Club for action on the conduct of a member which may involve his expulsion, or for any alteration of the Constitution or By-Laws, fifty members shall constitute a quorum. For the transaction of any other business, twenty members shall be a quorum.

XIII.

VOTE ON EXPULSION.

A motion involving the expulsion of a member shall be decided by secret ballot, and the decision of a majority shall be final.

XIV.

PROXIES NOT ALLOWED.

Proxies shall not be allowed.

XV.

LIMIT OF DISCUSSION.

Propositions, foreign to the object of the Club as declared in the Constitution and By-Laws, shall not be discussed at any of its meetings.

XVI.

STRANGERS NOT TO BE AT MEETINGS.

No stranger shall be present at any meeting.

XVII.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

At the annual meeting of the Club, the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Reading the minutes of the preceding meeting.
2. Report, from the Election Committee, of names of members elected since last stated meeting.
3. Report of the Executive Committee.
4. Report of the Treasurer, and appointment of Auditors.
5. Election of officers for the ensuing year, who shall immediately enter upon their duties.
6. Any further business regularly before the meeting.

Provided, however, that the order may be changed by a vote of a majority of those present.

XVIII.

NO GRATUITIES TO SERVANTS.

No member or visitor shall give any money or gratuity to any servant of the Club.

XIX.

NO CREDIT GIVEN BY THE CLUB.

No accounts shall be allowed to be kept with the steward.

XX.

RESIGNATIONS.

All resignations shall be made in writing, addressed to the Executive Committee, on or before the thirty-first day of December, and, if made subsequently thereto, shall not discharge the member presenting it from his tax for the ensuing year; and such resignation shall operate as an assignment and release to the Club, of all the right, title, and interest of such member in and to the property or assets of the Club.

XXI.

ASSESSMENTS.

The annual assessment shall be payable on the first day of January, of which written or printed notice shall be given by the Treasurer to each member through the post-office, on or before that day; and, if any member shall fail to pay the sum before the first day of March ensuing, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to report the case to the Executive Committee for such action thereon as they may deem expedient, with full power to act in the premises.

But any member who has paid an entrance-fee and one assessment shall be exempted from payment of an annual assessment if absent for a continuous period of a year from the State, after previous notice to the Secretary.

XXII.

EXPULSION OF MEMBERS.

If any member shall be charged by any other member, in writing, addressed to the Executive Committee, of conduct injurious to the good order, peace, or interests of the Club, or at variance with the requirements of the Constitution and By-Laws,

the Committee shall thereupon inform him thereof in writing; and if the Committee, upon inquiry, shall be satisfied of the truth of the charge, it shall request him to resign. If he shall decline to do so, the Committee shall refer the matter to the next stated meeting of the Club, or to a special meeting to be called for that purpose; and the Club, after presentation of the case, and hearing the person so charged, if he shall desire to be heard, may, if it shall think proper, proceed to expel him; and such expulsion shall operate to terminate and vest in the Club all the right, title, and interest of such expelled member in and to the property and assets thereof.

XXIII.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

No person shall take from the Club House any book, newspaper, or pamphlet, or other article belonging to the Club, nor mutilate or destroy the same.

XXIV.

SMOKING.

Smoking shall be permitted only in such rooms as the Executive Committee may designate.

XXV.

GAMBLING.

No gambling shall be allowed in the Club House.

XXVI.

DOGS.

No dogs shall be allowed to be in the Club House, or on the premises belonging to it.

XXVII.

HOUSE OPEN.

The house shall be open for the reception of members every day except Sunday.

XXVIII.

STRANGERS.

A member may introduce a stranger, and shall thereupon register, in a book to be kept by the Secretary for that purpose, his name, and place of residence, and the date of the introduction; to all which such member shall affix his own name. Such

introduction shall not confer upon such stranger a right of re-entrance at any other time; but the Executive Committee may, at discretion, give to any stranger a written invitation, entitling him to the privileges of the house for one month; or, with the concurrence of the Committee on Elections, may admit any stranger as a member for six months, upon his paying a half entrance-fee and half of the annual assessment. All persons shall be deemed strangers residing ten miles or more beyond the limits of the city of Boston.

XXIX.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Residents in the city of Boston, and within ten miles of the same, not being members, shall not be introduced into the house more than once, except under the sanction of some member of the Executive Committee.

List of Members.

List of Members.

A.

Allen, Charles H.
Allen, Frederick
Allen, Stillman B.
Ames, Albert T. B.
Anderson, Wm. S.
Austin, James R.

B.

Bailey, Robert M.
Baldwin, George D.
Baldwin, George P.
Barnes, Hillman B.
Barrett, Charles B.
Batcheller, Alfred H.
Bean, Ivory
Bearce, Horace M.
Beard, Alanson W.
Benton, J. H., Jr.
Bigelow, E. C.
Billings, Horace
Blackmar, Wilmon W.
Blanchard, S. C.
Bliss, James W.
Bolles, M. Shepard
Bowers, Henry E.
Boyce, Cadis B.
Boyce, Charles
Boyd, Alexander
Braman, G. T. W.
Brown, James W.
Bryant, Napoleon B.
Buckley, Joseph
Burditt, Albert T.
Butterfield, Alvin B.

C.

Carpenter, George O.
Caton, Asa H.
Chadwick, Joseph H.

Clapp, Charles M.
Clapp, William W.
Clark, John T.
Clarke, Frank
Coleman, Lewis
Comins, Linus B.
Cragin, Lorenzo S.
Crane, Samuel D.
Crocker, George W.
Crump, Charles H.

D.

Dana, Joshua C.
Dane, Francis
Daniels, Franklin B.
Davis, Albert
Demeritt, John
Dennison, E. W.
Dickinson, M. F., Jr.
Ditson, Oliver
Donnelly, Charles F.
Drew, Elijah C.
Dunbar, David A.

E.

Earle, John
Ellis, John T.
Emerson, R. W.
Emery, Francis F.
Emery, Stephen L.
Emery, Wm. H.
Evans, Edgar B.

F.

Farnsworth, Edw. M.
Fay, Franklin L.
Field, R. Montgomery
Forbes, Wm. D.
Fowler, James H.

G.

Gardiner, Robert S.
Gerrish, Henry P.
Going, Henry B.
Goldthwait, Joel
Goldthwait, John
Greeley, Andrew G.
Greene, Charles G.
Guild, George K.
Guild, Henry
Guild, Wm. H.

H.

Hall, Charles B.
Hallett, Henry L.
Hammond, William

Hanlon, Owen H.
Harding, Lyman L.
Hart, William T.
Hathorne, Jacob H.
Hayden, Charles H.
Hayes, John J.
Hiscock, Lowell B.
Hobart, Albert W.
Holmes, Francis M.
Houghton, Charles
Howard, Albert
Howard, Edward
Hull, George A.
Hunt, Henry C.

J.

Jacobs, Francis W.
James, Benjamin
Jenkins, Charles E.
Johnson, John
Jordan, L. Stewart
Jordan, Thomas B.

K.

Kennard, Wm. H.
Kettell, Joshua V.
Kinsley, Edward W.
Knight, Elbridge G.
Knox, Charles H.

L.

Lane, Jonathan A.
Leland, Emerson
Leonard, George H.
Lewis, Weston
Little, Samuel
Lovering, Nath'l P.

M.

Mahony, James S.
Marcy, George O.
Martin, Augustus P.
Maynz, Edward
McIntire, Joseph
McIntyre, Peter
Meer, John B.
Merriam, Andrew N.
Merrill, Joshua
Merrill, Wm. B.
Mills, Dexter T.
Morey, Edwin
Morong, E. P.
Morse, Henry C.
Morton, John D.
Moulton, Wm. U.

N.

Nichols, Wm. F.

P.

Parker, Charles W.
Parker, Henry G.
Patch, Daniel A.
Pearce, Shadrach H.
Peirce, Foster
Peirce, Silas, Jr.
Perkins, T. Henry
Perry, Cornelius A.
Pierce, Henry L.
Pierce, Otis H.
Pierce, Phineas
Plympton, Chas. H. P.
Poland, Wm. C.
Pomeroy, James P.
Poor, Charles C.
Poor, Charles V.
Poor, John O.
Pope, George W.
Potter, Robert K.
Power, James
Powers, Charles E.
Powers, Patrick H.
Pratt, T. Willis
Prescott, Charles J.
Priest, George S.

R.

Ranney, Ambrose A.
Raymond, Henry E.
Rice, Alexander H.
Rice, J. Willard
Rice, N. W.
Richards, Calvin A.
Richards, Dexter N.
Robinson, Wallace F.
Rogers, Harry A.
Rowe, Solomon S.
Russell, Daniel W.
Russell, Ira

S.

Sawyer, Nathan
Scudder, Prentiss W.
Sears, William B.
Shepard, Chas. A. B.
Simons, Stephen B.
Skinner, George W.
Smith, Charles A.
Smith, Henry
Snow, E. G., Jr.
Somerby, Gustavus A.

Spaulding, Mahlon D.
Stanwood, Francis M.
Stearns, Thomas C.
Stebbins, Solomon B.
Stevens, Horace H.
Stevens, Oliver
Studley, Ezekiel B.

T.

Tarbell, Stephen H.
Terrill, George W.
Thayer, Frank N.
Thayer, George L.
Thompson, Albert
Tompkins, Orlando
Tozier, Andrew S.
Tryon, S. C.
Tucker, James C.
Turner, Edward
Turner, Job A.
Tuttle, Samuel J.
Tyler, Thomas H.

U.

Upton, Albert F.

V.

Van Nason, Martin

W.

Wade, Reuben S.
Wadley, George A.
Walker, Horace E.
Warren, Henry W.
Whitcomb, Benj. D.
White, Edward A.
White, Davis J.
Whitten, Charles V.
Wightman, Joseph M.
Wilbur, Edward P.
Wilder, Charles W.
Wilder, Henry A.
Williams, George F.
Wilson, Charles B.
Wise, George D.
Witherell, Obadiah D.
Wolcott, John W.
Wyman, Edward, Jr.